



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Design Application of:

Reinhard DEUTSCH, et. al

Appln. No.: 09/987,210

Filing Date: November 13, 2001

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE
PACKING MACHINES

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Thanh K. Truong

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Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2003, Applicants elect claims 1-10 drawn to a method of manipulating. The restriction is traversed on the grounds that no undo burden would be placed on the examiner by examining all pending claims.

In addition, by this Amendment, claim 21 is added as a linking claim. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and all claims 1-21 should be examined.

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